

Bowood Park 4th Nov^r 1781

Dear Lewis

L. Dartrey has just left us with
Borro's, notwithstanding a very handsome
offer which I made him to leave
Lady Shelburne for the sake of joining
you and General Grey a visit of two
days, but it was all in vain, as
he was to receive Captain Tril-
ling upon an appointed day. Since
that our friend Admiral Berrington
is arriv'd.

I have no news to send you in
return for accounts, which were ve-
ry acceptable so far as regarded
yourself. I need not tell you how
much I approve of what pass'd
between you & the Admiral on the

subject of Minerva— Such Efforts or
Risques if they please to call them
so alone can extricate us— and we
must go from bad to worse, because
a narrow bottom'd Ministry are
incapable of them.

I am under great anxiety about
the Bondwoman. I contracted an
affection for her, and next to Old
Officers I don't like to hear of Old
Ships very loud aside. You will
however easily imagine how much
we wish to know her Fate for
many reasons.

As to Court I hear of no
change of sentiment whatever—
great Family Disension will ^{between &c.} ~~be~~ report

~~to~~ the Her Apparent, who naturally
sights for Independance. a small
expedition going to S. America. Sir
Hugh Palliser & Elliott talk'd
of for the E. Indies — No Peace — No
Alliance — ~~There is~~ the better run
of News — I enclose you the copy
of a letter I have rec'd from Thom-
betown, which you'll burn after
you have shewn it to the General.
I would write to him if I did not
to you by this Post. which I will
not fail to do before I go to Wy-
combe with Lord Melbourne the 15th
in our road to London. Ever Yrs

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